

CHAPTER 5  
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY

[Prior to 4/20/88, Regents, Board of(720)]

GENERAL REGULATIONS

**681—5.1(263) Scope of services.**

**5.1(1) *Scientific.*** The laboratory provides analytical services primarily in the areas of communicable disease control and in the assessment of environmental quality.

**5.1(2) *Consultative.*** The professional staff of the laboratory is available for consultative assistance to persons with interest or involvement in public health.

**5.1(3) *Training.*** Facilities and staff of the laboratory are available for the training of laboratorians, environmentalists, and public health specialists as the need arises through workshops, seminars, and individualized instruction.

**681—5.2(263) Specimens examined.**

**5.2(1) *Classification.*** This being the state public health and environmental laboratory, specimens submitted to it should have a direct or probable significance to public health, medical management, or the quality and preservation of the environment.

**5.2(2) *Who may submit specimens.***

*a.* Licensed physicians, osteopathic physicians, and other licensed practitioners may submit specimens for the diagnosis and control of communicable or other diseases in which such tests are required by the state department of public health.

*b.* Veterinarians may submit specimens involving diseases of animals which are communicable to humans.

*c.* State department of public health may submit specimens necessary in the conduct of its fundamental responsibilities. Other programs, services, and studies may be negotiated on a contractual basis.

*d.* The natural resources department may submit specimens necessary in the conduct of its fundamental responsibilities relative to municipal water supplies. Other programs, services, and studies may be negotiated on a contractual basis.

*e.* Other state agencies, institutions, and municipalities may submit specimens, generally under a contractual arrangement if the submission is to be of a regular and routine nature.

*f.* Local departments of health may submit specimens when performing official functions of state regulatory agencies. The examination of other specimens necessary in the support of locally directed programs are provided only with prior clearance and cost negotiations.

*g.* Private individuals may submit specimens to determine the suitability and safety of private water supplies only when collected and received according to conditions prescribed by the laboratory and accompanied by the appropriate fee.

*h.* Privately owned industries and businesses may submit specimens for environmental studies by prior arrangement with the laboratory on a fee basis.

*i.* Public schools may submit specimens at the discretion of the school nurse, consulting physician, principal, or upon recommendations of the local department of health.

**681—5.3(263) Charges.**

**5.3(1) *Specimens examined free of charge:***

*a.* Specimens submitted relating to diseases communicable from human to human, from animals to human, provided such examinations are required by rules of the state department of public health.

b. Specimens submitted under statutory authority by state agencies or designees of state agencies which are involved in investigations or episodes challenging the health of the public or the quality of the environment.

c. Any specimen when there is probable cause that a direct threat to public health exists.

**5.3(2)** *Specimens for which fees are charged:*

a. Specimens submitted under no statutory authority which are part of special investigations or surveillance programs and where there is no direct threat to the public health or environmental quality.

b. Specimens submitted for the submitter's private information, such as well water samples.

c. Specimens submitted by private concerns and municipalities which are considered to be product quality control measures and, therefore, a cost of doing business.

d. Specimens not covered by statute, by rules of the state department of health, by rules of the natural resources department or in this subrule, may be examined and charged for at rates to be determined by the state board of regents subject to any limitations imposed by law.

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